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R. D. Trimble, 55, CIA Editor, Former Newsman

R. D. Trimble, Jr., an editor and administrative officer for the Central Intelligence Agency and former journalist, died of a heart attack Wednesday night in his home. He was 55.

Mr. Trimble, a native of Summerville, S. C., joined the CIA in 1948 after several years as a reporter for the U. S. News and World Report.

Before World War II, Mr. Trimble worked for the Washington Post, the Baltimore Sun, the Richmond (Va.) Times Dispatch and the Paris desk of the New York Herald Tribune.

During the war, he saw action in the Pacific and the Atlantic as a fighter director on the USS Solomons, and was in the North African campaign. For his action, he was decorated

by the Free French.

Mr. Trimble, who received a bachelors degree in architecture in 1929 from the University of Virginia, was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church here.

He leaves his wife, LaValle Taylor Trimble of 1019 Twenty-sixth street N.W., the home address; two sons, David and Edward, of Jaffrey, N. H.; a daughter, Mrs. Adaire Loomis, of New York City, and two stepchildren, Jonathon Hart of the home address, and Mrs. Martha Scott Harlan, of Milton, Fla.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Twenty-fifth and K streets N.W., with burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Richmond, in the afternoon.